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And, sure enough, Aunt Della held a little reception all her own.

The "lookers on in Vienna" were twice as numerous as the guests.

It looked like all the younger generation of Alexandria graduated yesterday.

Dying by inches is bad enough, but the naval coast stations are doomed to die by yards.

Justice Stafford is authority for the statement that the nation lacks poets. It isn't poets we lack, judge, it's poetry.

In the calendar of the Washington public school child, today, and not tomorrow, is the longest day of the year.

Augustus O. Stanley, Jr., who arrived in Kentucky yesterday from Storkland, did what able counsel has been unable to do—halt the steel committee.

A Philadelphia cartoonist whose drawing is reproduced on the sporting page today, rather accurately sizes up the Washington baseball situation.

The Times exposure of the "Virginia divorce" evil among Washingtonians has caused consternation among the washerwomen of the western shore.

The contest between the Department of Agriculture and the English sparrow will be watched with deep interest. Our own prophecy is that it will be a draw.

The Street Cleaning Department, if protests and suits against the erection of stables in Southeast continue, will have to trade the horses for automobiles or turn the equines out to pasture.

The Postmaster General's report makes it evident that the postal savings bank has more than justified itself, and that deposits will total a million dollars by July 1. The people who love to say "I told you so" are in this instance fully justified in their pride of opinion.

Society here is much interested in the wedding in Paris of the vivacious Countess Marguerite Cassini, whose pranks in Washington when she was here with the Count Cassini, then ambassador from Russia, caused many tangles in diplomatic circles. She made her debut in Paris on January 17, 1910. Her husband is Alexander Lo Jewsky, a Russian diplomatic attaché.

Washington had a representative in the parade and demonstration of the suffragettes in London Saturday in the person of Mrs. Clara Colby. Mrs. Colby is well known here as the wife of General Colby, of New York, and as one of the most active workers for woman's suffrage in the country. She has attained considerable note in the literary world, and was for a time editor of the Woman's Tribune here.

The sympathy of every man and woman who reads the distressing story is stretching out today to Senator Luke Lea and his beautiful young wife, who lie in adjoining rooms at the Georgetown University Hospital, the one hovering between life and death, and the other prostrated by grief and by loss of blood taken from her body and transfused into hers in the hope of saving her.

It would have been impossible for any one who attended the commencement exercises for Western and Business High Schools yesterday to have found basis for criticism of the edict of the Board of Education for simplicity in graduation gowns. The innovation is wholesome and should establish a precedent for the guidance of Washington high schools for all time. The example offered the rest of the country should also bring good results. Not the least remarkable feature of the ceremonies was the fact that the "sweet girl graduate" was just as sweet as ever, if not sweeter.

The Safe and Sane Fourth Committee is right up against it. The \$5,000 desired for the celebration has not been forthcoming, so the program is to be shortened. Even the funds at hand are insufficient for the curtailed entertainment, and \$500 more must be raised at once if the ceremonies are to amount to anything at all. Furthermore, the money must be subscribed at once. If you have not already made a contribution, do so today.

No more forceful evidence of the spirit of progress that dominates the South could be had than is found in the visit to Washington of the delegates from the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. All interests of Dixieland have joined the aggressive, concerted movement for commercial, industrial, and agricultural development. Astonishing results have already been

obtained, although organized effort is not much more than started. Even greater results are bound to follow in the next few years. Washington extends the glad hand to Messrs. Wakefield, Lester, Stafford, and Taylor, and promises hearty co-operation.

HERDIC COMPANY HOLDING OUT FOR SALE.

Some time when you are walking along Pennsylvania avenue in front of the White House, or strolling up the beautiful "Avenue of the Presidents," and one of our lumbering old herds comes along, stop and take a good, long look at it. Study its battered sides, long strangers to the paint brush; listen to the rattle of its dilapidated machinery; note the chug of its badly tired wheels as they revolve hesitatingly and jolt its windows loose. Observe carefully every detail of this vehicle, which looks like one of Peter Cooper's mistakes, and then remember that you are in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, the beautiful Capital of America, the "model" municipality.

If nothing could be said against the herds but that they are a blot on the landscape, that would be sufficient reason to abolish them or to compel the company that owns them to operate vehicles which would not be offensive to the eye. But that is the least of the herds' faults. The chief grievance against them is their hit or miss schedule. They are not only uncomfortable, a menace to the health and safety of their passengers and an eyesore to all who have to gaze upon them, but they are run with such infrequency that they are a source of endless irritation to would-be patrons instead of an agency for furnishing reliable public service.

Why does the Metropolitan Coach Company persistently refrain from running decent looking cars—even from painting its old cars? Why does it ignore the public demand for the maintenance of a regular schedule? Only one conclusion seems reasonable: That the company is holding out for a sale to somebody who will take hold of the line and make it a real transportation company.

The Coach Company claims to have a franchise, granted by indirect action in the act providing for the construction of street railway tracks to the Union Station. In that act appears this section:

That existing transfer arrangements between the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Metropolitan Coach Company, a corporation of the District of Columbia, shall not be terminated, except by authority of Congress; and unless said Metropolitan Coach Company shall, within one year after the passage of this act, substitute motor vehicles to be approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, for the herds (horse drawn) now used by it, its right to operate its line shall cease and terminate.

Prior to the passage of the foregoing the herdic company had no "right" to operate, so far as any Congressional action was concerned, but it complied with the above conditions, and now maintains it has a franchise, because its "right" to operate has been recognized by Congress.

But the herdic company is making only a perfunctory effort to exercise that franchise. It is not trying to get business and make profits. It is merely doing enough to hold its so-called "rights." This is what leads to the conclusion that it cares nothing for the convenience of the public, but is merely hanging on until it can induce some person or corporation to buy, at a good price, a franchise for which it paid nothing.

THE BANKS AND THE POSTAL SAVINGS EXPERIMENT.

Postmaster General Hitchcock reports that a great number of applications have already been received from depositors in the postal savings banks, for the privilege of exchanging their deposits for the 2½ per cent bonds of the Government. This privilege will be open to the depositors on July 1, and is expected thereafter greatly to accentuate the interest of depositors in the postal concerns.

It is apparent that if this plan of issuing Government bonds to these depositors is carried ultimately to a logical end; and if the postal bank system is finally extended to the whole country—then there will be an end for all time of the necessity of the Government floating loans or selling securities in the old way. The postal banks will at all times finance whatever necessities may be presented to the Government.

The national banking's circulation system is based on the use, in considerable part, of Government securities as a basis for bank circulation. If the postal banks require all the Government bonds, there will be a competition with the demands of the national banks, which should make it possible to "take care of the 2 per cent bonds" that used to worry Senator Aldrich so much. These 2 per cent bonds were widely regarded as the largest concern of the Rhode Islander in framing his central bank of issue plan. He was anxious that the banks should not lose any of the money they had invested in these bonds; and they would be pretty certain to lose something, if the privilege of using them as security for circulation were removed. The experiment of the few postal

savings banks thus far established has been, on the whole, as satisfactory as could be expected. Of course, the great cities, with their miscellany of population largely foreign, need postal banks more than the small towns that thus far have got most of them. The experiment has by no means shown what the system can do if generally inaugurated. The mere fact that only a very few people are familiarized with the system makes its best development impossible everywhere deposits are received. The experiment has earned the right to a much wider trial, and ought to get it soon.

A VINDICATION FOR THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

The revelations which are being made as to the cost of condemnation proceedings in Washington contain an incidental vindication for the administration of the District through its Commissioners. It appears that there are two procedures for condemning property for public purposes. In one case, the District government does the work through its own lawyers, who are paid modest salaries and give their time to the service. In the other, as when land is bought for parks, the condemnation proceedings are in charge of the Department of Justice, and special attorneys are engaged to manage the procedure.

It is perfectly natural that Congress should have got into the habit of turning such things over to the department. The impression prevails on Capitol Hill that the District government is marvellously extravagant; the Department of Justice has lots of lawyers; might just as well take on a condemnation case now and then, as not. Presumably, in the Congressional mind, it will save money to have the regular organization of the department grind out the condemnations as a by-product.

But the facts are exactly to the contrary. The department goes out and engages special counsel for these cases, hires commissioners, and grants fees so big that their publication has caused astonishment.

On the other hand, the District government has its own regularly organized force for handling all condemnation cases. Three lawyers are employed, at \$1,000, \$1,800, and \$3,000 each per annum. Each handles his own department of the business; and experience proves that they do the work at an expense so small that the allowances for like work done under the direction of the Department of Justice should cause the financial operations of a billionaire afraid to die rich and confident that his end is imminent.

The point is that Congress has been mistaken about the extravagance of the District government, and sadly in error about the economies of the Department of Justice organization. In future there ought to be important economies, in these regards, as a result of the airing which the whole subject is now getting.

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN GOLOSKI ROCKED THE BOAT.

Goloski rocked the boat. And yet, in the ordinary course of nature, it is not probable that Goloski will ever again rock the boat. As he smoothes the flax-seed poultice and dries his clothes, he finds his sense of humor oozing away like Bob Acre's courage. In the morning he had gone forth with one Maguire and a couple of clinging young persons who possessed a delightful aura of scream. They pushed off into the tawny Passaic and boated about considerably. Overmastered in midstream by that fatal gift of humor, and a desire to enjoy the treble note of a woman in deep fear, Goloski proceeded to rock the boat. The screams were so piercing, so poignant that Goloski could scarcely restrain his mirth. Maguire, being a dull, phlegmatic man, simply turned the prow and bent to the oars without so much as cracking a smile. His face was set as if he were thinking hard.

He alighted hastily at the Pine Brook landing, assisted the ladies ashore, and as Goloski stepped out, the man with the Irish name and temper to match, planted a blow on the Goloski countenance which gave him the illusion that he was listening to the rush of many waters—that perhaps the whole shoreline had caved in. It was some moments before he could fully comprehend that it was merely Maguire's way of protesting against the mistaken sense of humor which delights in rocking the boat. Smarting under the indignity, Goloski took the matter into court, where the presiding judge, also deficient in a sense of humor, intimated that if the defendant would say the word he would send the jocosse plaintiff to jail, where he could rock the cold pavement of his cell to his heart's content.

Goloski went forth into the marts a bit soured, but it is hoped that his experience gets all the publicity it deserves. The unwholesome practice of rocking the boat has needed some such example to counteract it. A saving sense of humor is one of the real commodities in the feast of life, but it should be used in moderation. In the form of practical jokes which place life and limb in jeopardy, it loses its savor. The house of mourning is very slow in seeing the point of these delicate plays of humor, which have all the essentials of tragedy, and it is hoped that henceforth there might be a Maguire for every Goloski who rocks the boat.

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Capt. James F. Oyster, president of the Board of Education, will preside, and invocation will be said by the Rev. G. Freeland Peter. Emory M. Wilson, principal of the school, will announce the award of scholarships, and Ernest H. Daniel, of the Board of Education, will present the diplomas.

The class officers are William Shock Boteler, president; Pauline Marjory Johnson, vice president; Marian Roeder Helmsmuller, secretary, and William Hazel Collins, treasurer.

Following is the list of graduates: Jane Ballou Angell, Julia Randolph Ayres, Eva Barker, Alma Barker, Florence Love Barker, Gertrude Beiler, Becker, Georgia Belt, Mary Gladys Benson, Leil Anna Bitzer, Beulah Marian Boss, Edith May Brighton, Bessie Brill, Helen Elizabeth Cam, Almyra Eleanor Campbell, Marion Roberts Carter, Loretta Camp Capell, Jessie Blanche Carr, Eileen Alton Colonna, Dorothy Dashiell, Dorothy May Davis, Julia Mead Dewkins, Rachel Margaret DeWolf, Alice Easterling, Rosina Ehrlich, Alice Barnes Eldridge, Rosa Charlotte Elliott, Gladys Sue Evans, Lillie Ferguson, Bernice Jean Finney, Miriam Alice Franc, Frances Geckler, Carrie Gibson, Grace Gilmore, Helen McKee Grandfield, Jessie Rockwell Green, Alice Eleanor Griffith, Emma Lorraine Grigsby, Johanna Grantner, Alberta Virginia Haden, Hortense Hanco, Fortie Vermillion Harrah, Helen Lita Harrison, Ruth Harrison, Marion Roeder Helmsmuller, Lina Priscilla Huber, Flora Hull, Marie Gertrude Humphreys, Fanny Elizabeth Hunt, Cyrille Ireton, Margaret Josephine Jarboe, Pauline Margaret Johnson,